

claims in a timely filed continuing application. Therefore, claims 1 and 32-101 are pending and are presented for examination.

The claims add no new matter. Probes having surfaces, at least, comprising non-metallic materials finds support, e.g., on page 6, third paragraph; page 10, second full paragraph; and page 13, first full paragraph.

This application contains amino acid sequences. In a related application the Examiner stated that a sequence listing would not be required because the application did not claim any nucleotide or amino acid sequences. Applicants request the Examiner to confirm this in the next action. If the Examiner does not do so, Applicants will file a sequence listing and computer readable form after receiving the next office action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request speedy examination of this application and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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